

DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk: Steve Ashby

Dear Councillors Baxter, Blessett, Pagella, Stevens and Thompson. Councillors Dilks and Pelling as ex officio members.

You are hereby summoned to attend the next meeting of the **Allotments, Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee** on **Thursday, 19 January 2012 at 7.45.** in the Meeting Room at **The Institute** to consider the items listed in the agenda.



Steve Ashby
Clerk to the Council
13 January 2012

N.B. This meeting will be preceded by Youth & Community at 6.15 pm and Planning at 7.00 pm

AGENDA

- 25.12 To receive apologies for absence.
- 26.12 To receive declarations of interest, if any.
- 27.12 To adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2011. (enclosed)
- 28.12 Clerks report and matters arising not considered elsewhere on the agenda. (see overleaf)
- 29.12 To receive any comments from the Allotments association and make any recommendations to Council
- 30.12 To consider complaints about dog mess in the village. (see overleaf)
- 31.12 To approve a contractor to cut the Allotments Hedge (details overleaf)
- 32.12 To make suggestions for Plot 32B (Former Sense and Age Concern Plot)
- 33.12 To consider making the following additions to the conditions of tenancy agreement for new tenants and to be incorporated into existing tenancies at an opportune time (a & b suggested by the Allotments Assn):-
 - a. rubbish and waste shall not be deposited or left in the hedgerows, roadways or anywhere else on the Allotments site
 - b. the site speed limit of 5 mph must be kept to by all drivers
 - c. That the plot should not be sub let or shared with another person and no other person apart from the tenant shall be permitted use of an allotment for their own purpose without the written consent of the Council.
- 34.12 To consider whether a news letter should be sent to all Allotment Tenants including speed limit, dumping, security, cultivating plots etc..
- 35.12 Trees on the Riverbank – improving the views (details overleaf)
- 36.12 **Queens Jubilee Beacon**
 - a. To consider the cost of a pole at £200 (in addition to the cost of steel already agreed by Council for the basket) and make a recommendation to Council
 - b. To consider the Beacon Lighting Event (discussion paper enclosed) (or defer to a further meeting or Working Party)
- 37.12 To decide attendance at Allotment Assn AGM
- 38.12 SKDC Engaging With Parish Councils – questions for Drop In session on 24/1/12 at Deepings Community Centre 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm. (details enclosed)
- 39.12 Date of next meeting – 14 June 2012 – On Site at the Allotments

Copy sent to: Geoff Hurst, Allotments Assn Secretary and Alan Bulmer, Allotments Assn Chairman

28.12 Clerks Report

Break Ins have been reported from the allotments in October and December – In October little was taken, In December tools and a sprayer were removed.

New boardwalk panels have been ordered and delivered. A new gate has been ordered and is awaiting delivery. New hedge plants have been received and planted by the Allotments Assn.

Plot 7 was cleared as was plot 36 which has now been re-allocated.

The renewals process has been completed with the last rent paid in December. Seven ½ plots have been re-allocated since September, two however have not signed the tenancy or paid the rent so will be re-allocated again. Notice to quit was served on one tenant and this will be re-allocated once the plot has been cleared of hut and tools.

The Planning application has been submitted for the Jubilee Beacon and a decision is awaited. Garford's have advised that they can source a pole for £200.00.

30.12 Dog Mess

This was referred from Council following a complaint from a member of the public at a Public Forum when a problem area was named as Church Walk from Welland Way to the Old Cemetery. That complaint has been repeated recently – and seen to be a problem by the Maintenance Worker. Problems have also been reported along Eastgate, the riverbank walk (this is probably on the Deeping Gate side of the River) and elsewhere about the village.

The PC has one dog mess bin in store which had been earmarked for Spalding road. Do members want to reconsider where to place this bin, put up posters in relevant places, include something in a newsletter, consider local advertising, or something else?

31.12 Allotment Hedge Cutting

Two quotes have been obtained. One is for £600 plus vat the other for £640.00 plus vat. Both quotes include removal of all cuttings. The contractor who quoted £640.00 has done very good work for the Council previously.

35.12 Trees on Riverbank

It has been suggested that the Willow Trees on the riverbank affect the view and prevent walkers walking along the riverbank.

Should the trees be cut back to allow walking along the riverbank?

Should the trees be given a hard cut to open up the view across or along the river?

36.12 Queens Jubilee Beacon – Lighting Event

-----Original Message-----

From: Ashley Baxter [mailto:ashleydsj@btinternet.com]

Sent: 30 December 2011 13:02

To: 'DSJPCBlessett'; 'DSJPCPagella'; 'DSJPCPearce'; 'DSJPCStevens'; 'Graham Thompson'

Cc: 'DSJPCDilks'; 'AndyPelling'; 'DSJPCclerk'

Subject: Jubilee Beacon ideas

Hello Folks,

At our next Allotments, Footpaths and Open Spaces meeting we are going to talk about how to make best use of the beacon on Thackers Way.

Here are some ideas to kick around. Some will be common sense and some might seem beyond the pale. Please feel free to adapt these ideas or add new ones.

Consultation

- 1) What is the best way to consult with local residents about the beacon and associated activity? They will find out soon via the planning application so we need to get our ducks in a row.
- 2) What is the best way to consult SKDC about our plans and ideas? Do they still have a community engagement officer?

June 4th

- 3) What time do we have to light the beacon?
- 4) Shall we have a party on the field on June 4th?
- 5) If so, what constitutes a party?
- 6) What time does it start and end?
- 7) Do we need a variation of the local Alcohol licensing regulations to allow people to bring flagons of ale etc onto the park?
- 8) Who should light the beacon?
- 9) Could we have a little Olympic torch style run of our own, from the Nature Reserve, via Froggnall and then twice round the park before lighting the touch paper?
- 10) Or maybe we should just start it around the park?
- 11) Could the torch relay involve 60 people from the village, maybe one born in each year of Her Majesty's reign? This would mean at least 60 people have to turn up on the night and provide a good photo-opportunity.
- 12) Shall we hide some fireworks in the beacon? Bangers or rockets?
- 13) Do we allow stalls onto the field, e.g. Grasmere burger vans or Local Charity Tombolas or even local brewers?
- 14) Do we want to invite others to help? F.g. could we run it in association with the Lions or the Rotary?
- 15) Could we ask people to provide entertainment? e.g. young farmers, local choirs, schools, W, churches etc

Legacy

- 16) Do we leave the beacon in place for perpetuity or do we take it away. If we leave it up, when will we use it again?
- 17) We use the opportunity to rename the field "Jubilee Park" or somesuch.
- 18) Are we too late to declare it as a Diamond Jubilee park?

38.12 SKDC Engagement

Extract from SKDC Letter below.

Engaging With Our Parish Councils And Local Communities

We want to improve the way in which we engage with our parish councils and local communities.

To help us do this we are going to do two things. We are going to run two informal "drop in" sessions during 2012, in 5 different locations throughout the district and we are also going to produce a quarterly newsletter that will be just for parish councils.

This is in response to a review carried out on local forums last year, which found the forums were too formal, discouraged attendance by the public and weren't very useful to the parishes.

The informal "drop in" sessions will be themed and designed to communicate and consult with our residents on a wide variety of issues. The first sessions will take place during the second and third weeks of January, and will be focused around the council's spending plans for 2012/13. The sessions are:

- Monday 16 January - Guildhall Arts Centre, Grantham
- Tuesday 17 January - Stamford Arts Centre, Stamford
- Thursday 19 January - Long Bennington Village Hall
- Monday 23 January - Bourne Corn Exchange
- Tuesday 24 January - Deepings Community Centre

All of the sessions will run from 4-7pm

We think this way of doing things will create more opportunities for both parishes and the public to ask questions in an informal and approachable setting. Mechanisms will be put in place in the newsletter, on the website and at the drop in sessions to ensure that if people ask questions or need clarification on something, they are fed back to as soon as possible.

It would be great if you are able to drop into one of these sessions. We look forward to seeing you there.